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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS MARKERS, the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
☒ was filed on March 23, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/816,814.  
☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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# Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

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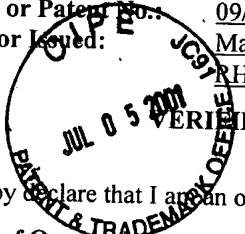
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)) — NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

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 Address of Organization: 200 First Street S.W.  
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Type of Organization:

- ☐ University or Other Institution of Higher Education  
☒ Tax Exempt Under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3))  
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☐ Would qualify as nonprofit scientific or educational under Statute of State of the United States of America if located in  
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I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS MARKERS by inventor(s) CORNELIA M. WEYAND, M.D., PH.D. AND JORG J. GORONZY, M.D., PH.D. described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith.  
☒ application serial no. 09/816,814, filed March 23, 2001.  
☐ patent no. \_\_, issued \_\_.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above identified invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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